

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:278

ANSWERED ON:07.12.2001

INVITING FOREIGN PARTNERS FOR SETTING UP GODOWNS

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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government have invited foreign partners for setting up godowns in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Food Corporation of India has not been able to finalise the tender/bid till date; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken/propose to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHANTA KUMAR )

(a),(b)&(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a),(b)&(c): The National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of Foodgrains announced by the Government seeks to harness the efforts and resources of public and private sectors, both domestic and foreign, to build and operate infrastructure for bulk handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI). The policy also envisages creation of conventional storage capacity through private sector participation.

For creation of infrastructure for bulk handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains on Build-Own-operate (BOO) basis, the Developer-Cum-Operator will be selected through the process of international competitive bidding. RITES, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Railways, has been engaged as a consultant for this process. In the first stage, Request For Qualification (RFQ) is to be invited for shortlisting of parties. In the second stage, detailed financial bids will be invited from the shortlisted parties. The FCI has already advised RITES to invite RFQ through global advertisement.